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17 January 1950

Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. H. M. Kirkpatrick, Chief, External Research Staff, Office of Intelligence Research

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

You were indeed kind in your letter of 13 January 1950, to extend such a cordially cooperating hand to my wife and myself in our joint undertakings. We are also enormously interested and very grateful for the two invaluable bibliographies which have been worked up by your people.

The tentative title of the dissertation which [redacted] and I expect to submit this spring to the Department of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania in partial satisfaction of the requirements for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (which we hope to receive this June) is: "An Introduction to Strategic Intelligence, with a Proposed Classification System for Strategic Intelligence Materials."

This work had its inspiration in Harold and Margaret Sprout's Foundations of National Power and was given additional impetus by other published works on the subject such as those of Drs. Pettee and Sherman Kent. We hope to produce a slightly better organization of the elements of national power than the Sprouts did (without having any special desire to produce a work primarily for the purposes of Strategic Intelligence operations); and one perhaps a little more practical, more down to earth, and less philosophical in tone than either the Pettee or Kent discussions of the subject. Upon publication of this dissertation, we shall, of course, be sure to send you a copy for such use as you wish to make of it within the Department of State. You should not set your expectations too high, however, for I feel sure that your own experts are far in advance of our modest efforts; and furthermore we have, of course, limited our research entirely to unclassified materials.

For Dr. Palmer's course last year, we did a long paper on the "Intelligence Organization and Operations of the Department of State" which might possibly be of some interest to someone in your Department. This was, however, merely a historical review of the background of Department of State activities, considered as Intelligence operations, and took most all its material on the present organization of [redacted] Department intelligence operations from the charts and descriptive

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paragraphs of the unclassified Department of State Manual for 1947.

We have just completed a paper entitled "The Beginnings of a United States Strategic Intelligence System in Latin America: 1809-1826." Since all intelligence operations at that time centered on the Department of State, and since the limiting dates of the paper were taken from the establishment of the first United States mission in Latin America to the last mission established in the first group of recognitions as 1822, this paper might also be of some interest. It is presently under consideration for publication by a military historical magazine, though nothing final has been decided in this regard.

I feel sure that [redacted] will be in Washington STAT during the later winter or spring, in which case we shall certainly take you up on your kind suggestion that we drop in at your office.

With all personal best wishes, and again thanks for the material you have already supplied, I remain

Very truly yours,

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